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Dear Sir:

This paper is being filed in reply to the outstanding Restriction Requirement mailed September 26, 2006, in connection with the above application. Applicants respectfully request an extension of the period for filing a reply in the above identified application for four months under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). A Petition for a four-month extension of time is filed herewith.

Applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1-30, for examination, *with traverse*. Applicants elect this group with traverse because Applicants submit that, pursuant to MPEP 803, the simultaneous examination of Groups I and II would present no significant additional burden for the Examiner. Groups I and II recite many similar elements, and accordingly the searches would overlap significantly. Applicants reserve the right to pursue non-elected subject matter in a continuation or divisional application.

Please charge our Deposit Account No. 18-1945 for the appropriate amount of the Request for Four Months Extension of Time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our

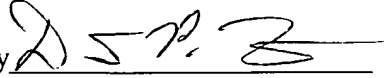
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Deposit Account No. 18-1945, under Order No. CKFW-P01-003. Please direct any questions arising from this submission to the undersigned at (617) 951-7460.

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